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 Shoreside Petroleum, Inc.,
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA for the)
 use of NORTH STAR TERMINAL &)
 STEVEDORE COMPANY, d/b/a Northern)
 Stevedoring & Handling, and NORTH)
 STAR TERMINAL & STEVEDORE COMPANY,)
 d/b/a Northern Stevedoring & Hand-)
 ling, on its own behalf,)

Plaintiffs,)

and)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA for the)
 use of SHORESIDE PETROLEUM, INC.,)
 d/b/a Marathon Fuel Service, and)
 SHORESIDE PETROLEUM, INC., d/b/a)
 Marathon Fuel Service, on its own)
 behalf,)

Intervening Plaintiffs,)

and)

METCO, INC.,)

Intervening Plaintiff,)

vs.)

NUGGET CONSTRUCTION, INC.; SPENCER)
 ROCK PRODUCTS, INC.; UNITED STATES)
 FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY; and)
 ROBERT A. LAPORE,)

Defendants.)

**SHORESIDE'S AND METCO'S
 JOINDER IN NORTH STAR'S
 MOTION AGAINST USF&G UPON
 ITS AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

3:98-cv-0009-TMB

COMES NOW Shoreside Petroleum, Inc., d/b/a Marathon Fuel Service ("Shoreside") and Metco, Inc. ("Metco"), by and through counsel, and file this Joinder In North Star's Motion Against USF&G Upon Its Affirmative Defenses.¹

North Star develops the arguments that USF&G's affirmative defenses are untimely, unfounded and unsupported. Shoreside and Metco also develop those arguments in prior pleadings² and join in the arguments advanced by North Star.

DATED this 22th day of May, 2006 at Anchorage, Alaska.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on the 22th day of May, 2006, a copy of the foregoing was served by the Electric Case Filing.

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¹ This pleading addresses the motion at Docket Entry No. 494.

² Docket Entry Nos. 510, pp. 25 - 26, and 549, p. 13.